

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I attended an informational meeting for the certificate of need. I had the impression that the decision was already made, & the meeting was just one more hoop that the power companies had to jump through. We were fed information, how accurate, is any one's guess. When something is strong armed through, statistics can say whatever you want them to.

I-286-001

It was never really said how far this power was intended to be shipped, Minnesota really doesn't need this power, that was glossed over.

I-286-002

My real question, why are we expanding a very antiquated system, when nuclear would be the perfect way to go? Coal is dirty, nuclear is clean, & the plant could be built where power is needed, not hundreds of miles away.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-286-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-286-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

My property is a 160 acre farm, there is nothing special, except it is my home in one of the most beautiful areas in MN.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Holden Twp is a very picturesque area, rolling hills, savanna prairie, smaller farms, streams. I feel this antiquated system is not only an eye sore, but more importantly, what is the long term health effects of those that live in area, there is also the concern of the effect the EMF has on the animals. We do try to make money on livestock.

### I-286-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

### I-286-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by ~~June 29~~ <sup>July 3</sup>, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Informational Mtg - Cannon Falls, MN.

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-286-005

With all the "green", why are we expanding coal?  
We work all our lives, take care of our property & the community,  
with the intention of selling (maybe), what does that do to  
property values?  
It's just a bad idea

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Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts, including potential impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.